

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for forming packaging for products with immobilization by means of a shrink film, comprising according to Claim 1, characterized in that, starting from a preformed cardboard box, in succession:

starting with a preformed cardboard box;

folding the initially free parts of the heat-shrinkable sheets, that are connected to ~~the~~ a join-joint between ~~the~~ a base of the box and ~~the~~ a lateral band of ~~this~~ the box, are folded over the an upper edge of faces of the cardboard lateral band of the box ~~that is still without is cover;~~

inserting the products ~~to be packaged inside the box~~ ~~are inserted;~~

placing the an additional heat-shrinkable sheet ~~is placed over the box; of into~~ the latter;

welding the additional heat-shrinkable sheet ~~is welded to the first heat-shrinkable sheets~~ at a ~~the~~ level of the upper part edge of the ~~corresponding~~ faces of the lateral band or over the products arranged inside the box, so as to form a single continuous film; and

this shrinking the single continuous film ~~film is shrunk by means of heating~~, so as to tighten ~~in~~ the single continuous film over all of the products arranged inside the box.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 10, wherein the steps of characterized in that operations of welding the additional heat-shrinkable sheet to the first heat-shrinkable sheets and of shrinking the single continuous film ~~resulting from the~~

~~joining of shrinking the film resulting from the joining of these sheets~~ are carried out simultaneously.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 10, ~~wherein~~characterized in that, if a heat-protection sheet ~~has to be inserted~~ it is placed inside the box ~~after insertion of~~inserting the products ~~to be packaged and before insertion of~~placing the additional heat-shrinkable sheet.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 10, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the ~~part~~free parts of the first heat-shrinkable sheets) folded over the upper edge of the faces of the lateral band of the box ~~folded over against the outside of the corresponding faces of the lateral band of the box~~ are held temporarily ~~against the~~an outside of ~~these~~the faces ~~by means of~~ adhesive bonding or by pinching, at least during the step of inserting the products ~~to be packaged~~.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 13, wherein at least one part of ~~characterized in that the folded over~~free parts of the first heat-shrinkable sheets are held temporarily against the outside of the ~~corresponding faces of the lateral band~~ by pinching points resulting from slits, notches or impressions produced in ~~the~~an upper zone of the faces of the lateral band.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 10, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the additional heat-shrinkable sheet is supplied by unwinding from a reel ~~of heat-shrinkable film and by cutting this~~the film above a location receiving the box, ~~in particular above a conveyor~~.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 16, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the unwinding and cutting of the film stored on the reel ~~take place at a~~

work station that also carries out welding of the additional heat-shrinkable sheet -to the first heat-shrinkable sheets.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~Method according to Claim 12, characterized in ~~that wherein in the case of the use of a heat-protection sheet, this sheet~~ is supplied by unwinding from a reel -of protective strip and by cutting ~~this the~~ strip above a location receiving the box, ~~in particular above the conveyor.~~

19. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the additional heat-shrinkable sheet is supplied by cutting the film above a conveyor.

20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the heat protection sheet is supplied by cutting the strip above a conveyor.